

Welcome to PCAccent. This newsletter is an adjunct, an "accent" if you will, to the PCA's Web site and the PENnant. The Board of Directors will use PCAccent to keep you informed about PCA news and happenings.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS NEWSLETTER! For comments or questions, send email to PCA President Rick Propas. To subscribe or unsubscribe, please send email to Membership Coordinator Kim Sosin. Email addresses for Rick and Kim can be found on the PCA's Web site:

<http://www.pencollectors.com/>

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We note with profound sadness the passing of Sonya Mawhorter on May 3, 2008. Sonya was a valued member of the pen community known to many as the wife of Terry and one of the organizers of the Ohio and Ralieggh Pen Shows.

Beyond that, Sonya was a true friend to the PCA and a trusted advisor and guide to the Board. Our loss is both personal and professional.

Sonya was filled with beauty, charm and grace. We will miss her.

See the upcoming summer issue of The Pennant for a more complete appreciation of her life and work.

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\*\*\* Presidential Points, by Rick Propas \*\*\*  
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For the Board of Directors of the PCA, April is a busy month as we prepare for our annual retreat. The retreat serves to take nine busy people away from the distractions of homes, jobs, pens, themselves and gives us an uninterrupted day to make both long-term plans and set near-range goals.

It's an important event and we will report fully to members in next month's Accent.

I'm pleased to welcome as editor for Accent, our newest board member, Ernesto Soler. I have every confidence that Ernesto will be much better at getting this vital new piece of communication out to you all than I have been.

I am also pleased to welcome Allan Quiat as our new volunteer outreach coordinator. You'll see Allan at some of the pen shows and he will continue to be in touch with those interested in becoming part of the new PCA. You can reach Allan at [abquiat@yahoo.com](mailto:abquiat@yahoo.com)

As I near the half year mark as president of the Board, I can point to some real accomplishments that the Board has made and more coming. I tend to be as impatient as many of you over the slow progress of much of what we do, and to you and myself I carry the Latin reminder *festina lente*. Make haste slowly. But, always, progress, not perfection.

Finally, by the time you receive this newsletter you should also have received the Spring issue of The Pennant. I think Richard Jarvis has done a superb job of putting together his first issue as Managing Editor. I hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Rick Propas, President

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\*\*\* Retreat/elections Committee News, by Joel Hamilton \*\*\*  
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The Elections Committee consists of Rick Propas, Past President A.D. Reppert, Carla Mortenson and Joel Hamilton. The committee has been working hard on identifying candidates for the board.

The Retreat was held at the Hyatt Place in Kansas City, MO on Saturday, April 26 with a full training/work schedule. 8 of the Directors were in attendance, as well as the treasurer.

Linda Bauer  
Deb Kinney  
Russ Ewert  
Bill Hong  
Joel Hamilton  
Deb Kinney  
Carla Mortensen  
Rick Propas  
Kim Sosin

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\*\*\* Membership Committee News, by Kim Sosin \*\*\*  
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As our membership approaches 1000 for 2008, we continue to look for ways to reach more pen collectors with information about PCA. If you know of collectors who might be interested, by all means invite them to take a look at our website at <http://www.pencollectors.com> and show them a Pennant, our best advertisement! We also have brochures that you could distribute at your local pen club meetings. Email me and tell me how many copies you need ([kim@penquest.com](mailto:kim@penquest.com)).

PCA signs up from several to two dozen members at a pen show! PCA at pen shows has a table with very large colorful signs that you can't miss! We'll also have the Kids for Pens Treasure Hunts underway. For most shows, Kim Svabik will be at this booth taking new memberships, starting the kids on their treasure hunt and giving them each a pen when they finish. There are a few shows that Kim can't attend this year, so we'll be looking for volunteers to sit at the PCA table. We'll take care of getting all of the materials and directions to you at the show. We are looking for someone who enjoys talking to people (including talking about PCA of course), who will get the kids started on treasure hunts, and will help ship the materials at the end of the show. It is also possible to be selling or displaying a few pens. However, major pen selling or trading is not compatible with working the PCA table. In fact, it is not necessary to be a collector yourself to help at the table. Email me for more information if you or someone you know might be interested.

Kim Sosin, Membership Chair

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\*\*\* Outreach Committee News, by Deb Kinney \*\*\*  
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Calling All Pen Clubs!

The PCA Board wants to be more involved on a local level and we need your help. No matter the size of your pen club, you are important to the PCA. So please send me an email [kinney@law.duke.edu](mailto:kinney@law.duke.edu) with the contact information for your club. In turn, you will receive some PCA information that you can share with your members. The local clubs are the backbone of our hobby and we appreciate the work you do in keeping the hobby alive and growing.

Deb Kinney, Outreach Chair